

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. – 3. Cancelled.
4. (Previously Presented) A ventilation unit as claimed in Claim 8, characterized in that said number of through windows formed in said annular wall are equally spaced.
5. – 7. Cancelled.
8. (Currently Amended) A ventilation unit of the type comprising:
 - an electric motor having a solid casing and an output shaft fitted with a fan having a cup-shaped central body and a number of blades;
 - said central body being defined by a base wall and by an annular wall extending from and connecting with the base wall;
 - said base wall being substantially continuously solid and having a central portion which is thicker than the rest of the base wall;
 - said annular wall having an inner face and an outer face, the number of blades extending from the outer face; and
 - a number of reinforcing ribs having opposing ends formed to connect at one end to the central portion of the base wall and to connect at another end to the inner face of the annular wall;
 - wherein a number of through windows are formed in the annular wall portion of said central body,

and at peripheral edges where the base wall and the annular wall connect, each placed in the gap between two adjacent blades and between two adjacent reinforcing ribs to channel out any condensate formed inside said central body.

9. (Previously Presented) A ventilation unit as claimed in Claim 8, characterized in that said number of blades are equally spaced.

10. (Previously Presented) A ventilation unit as claimed in Claim 8, characterized in that said number of reinforcing ribs are equally spaced.